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Foreword

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1 Scope

This document gives guidelines for the determination of the chemical composition of steel and iron by reference to published International Standards, including their range of application and principles of the methods.

Graphical representation of the precision data for the methods is given in [Annex A](#).

The list of International Standards is summarized in [Annex B](#).

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

routine method

method calibrated against reference materials, certified reference materials or against standard solutions commercially available that is widely used for control purposes (day-to-day analysis)

4 International Standards for determining the chemical composition of steel and iron, their range of application and principles of the methods

4.1 Mono-elemental methods

4.1.1 Aluminium, Al

Document: ISO 2658:1990, *Steel — Determination of aluminium content — Flame atomic absorption spectrometric method*.

Range of application:

- determination of acid-soluble and/or total aluminium contents between a mass fraction of 0,005 % and a mass fraction of 0,20 % in non-alloyed steel.

Principle of the method:

- a) dissolution of a test portion in dilute hydrochloric and nitric acids;
- b) fusion of the acid-insoluble material with a mixture of orthoboric acid and potassium carbonate;
- c) spraying of the solution into a dinitrogen monoxide-acetylene flame;